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Re: Application No.: 09/423,572
Filing Date: November 29, 1999
First Named Inventor: Ralf Timmerman, et al
Title: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER MATERIAL WITH
BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS
Group Art Unit: 1771
Atty. Docket No.: 01-611-US
Our Ref. No.: 861266-20068

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed February 19, 2002, submitted herewith are the following documents in connection with the above-identified application:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment;
2. Change of Correspondence Address form; and

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any papers and/or fees referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

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3. Self-addressed stamped postcard, the date-stamping and return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed items.

Very truly yours,

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